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In re Application of:

Inventors: M. Konanayakam *et al.*

App. No: 10/664,516

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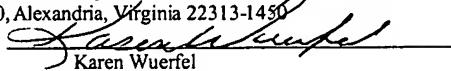
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified application.

In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (11 pages)
- Return Postcard

CLAIMS AS AMENDED											
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE					
Total Claims Fee	60	62	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	0.00					
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	0.00					
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-					
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$0.00					
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 32, 61											
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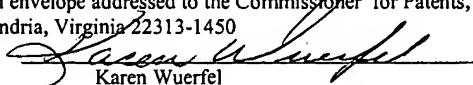
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: